Public Policy Discussion and Reception

EXPLORING THE U.S.-INDIA PARTNERSHIP

with

Her Excellency Meera Shankar
Ambassador of India to the United States

Featuring a performance by “Nrityamala,” University of Pittsburgh’s premier Indian classical dance team!

Thursday, April 28, 2011 | 6:30 pm
New Hazlett Theater | 6 Allegheny Square East | Pittsburgh

Come to a Special VIP Reception before the event from 5:30-6:15 for a chance to meet the Ambassador!

There is a charge of $100 per person for the VIP Reception.
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In 2009, the visit of India’s Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Washington as President Barack Obama’s first state guest underscored the importance of the strategic alliance between India and the United States. Over the last decade, U.S.-India relations have undergone a tremendous transformation. India, the world’s largest democracy, has emerged as a vital ally in promoting global stability, prosperity and the shared democratic ideals of pluralism and liberty. A nuclear power, India is also an increasingly important political actor in the world and a major player in a rapidly changing global marketplace. As India’s global prominence continues to increase, how will India’s relations with the United States develop? Likewise, how can the U.S. and India work together to solve some of the most pressing challenges of the 21st century?

Ambassador Meera Shankar arrived in Washington, DC in April of 2009 to become the Ambassador of India to the United States. Since joining the Indian Foreign Service in 1973, Ambassador Shankar has held several important assignments. She served as Director in the Prime Minister’s Office from 1985 to 1991, and was posted to Washington, DC and served as Minister (Commerce) from 1991 to 1995. Thereafter, she headed the Indian Council of Cultural Relations in New Delhi overseeing India’s cultural diplomacy. Subsequently, in the Ministry of External Affairs, she headed two important divisions dealing with the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and relations with Nepal and Bhutan. After promotion to the rank of Additional Secretary in 2002, she held the responsibility for the United Nations and International Security. Her last assignment was as Ambassador of India to Germany from 2005 to 2009.

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